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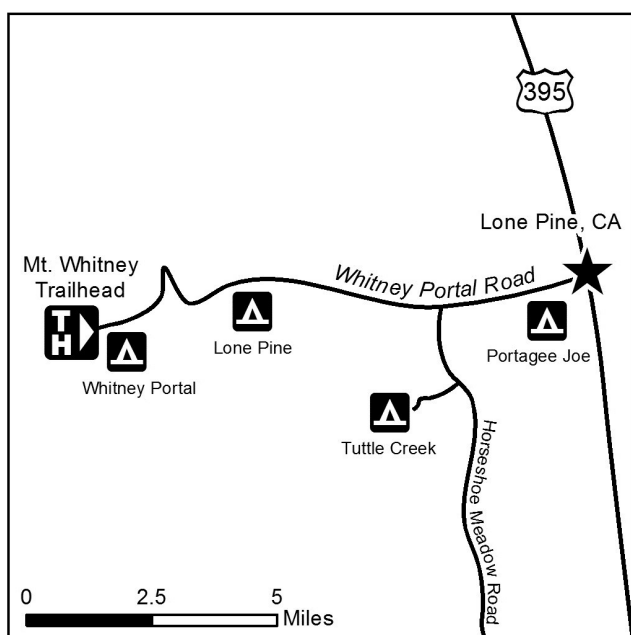
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Mt. Whitney Trail

The Mt. Whitney Trail climbs over 6,000 feet in elevation over 11 miles. When free of snow, it provides a strenuous, non-technical route to the summit of Mt. Whitney. When snow and ice are present, additional skills and winter mountaineering equipment may be necessary for safe travel.

Hiking the Mt. Whitney Trail is strenuous and potentially hazardous. Many visitors are incapacitated by exhaustion, illness and injuries. Fatalities occur almost every year. The trail is not recommended for novice wilderness travelers and most children. However, lower portions of the trail are generally suitable for such visitors. Lone Pine Lake, located approximately 2 1/2 miles from the trailhead, is a popular destination for day hikers.



Access:

From U.S. Highway 395, in the center of Lone Pine, turn west on Whitney Portal Road. The trailhead is located approximately 13 miles west of Lone Pine.

Season:

The Mt. Whitney Trail is relatively snow free from approximately June through October. For the rest of the year, ice or snow may cover some or all of the trail.

The last six miles of Whitney Portal Road are not maintained in winter and may be closed.

Trailhead Facilities:

Water: Yes

Bear Resistant Food Storage Lockers: Yes

Campgrounds: Developed campgrounds, with both walk-in and drive-in sites, are located within walking distance of the trailhead.

On The Trail:

Food Storage: Food, trash and scented items must be stored in bear-resistant containers.

Camping: Use existing campsites. Camping is prohibited within 25 feet of the trail, within 100 feet of water and at Mirror Lake and Trailside Meadow.

Human Waste: Pack-out all human waste. Human waste pack-out kits are distributed with wilderness permits.

Campfires: Campfires are prohibited.

Pets: Pets must be in control at all times.

Additional Regulations: Visitors entering Sequoia National Park are subject to National Park Service regulations. Information is available at www.nps.gov/seki, or at Inyo National Forest visitor centers.

Permit & Quota Information:

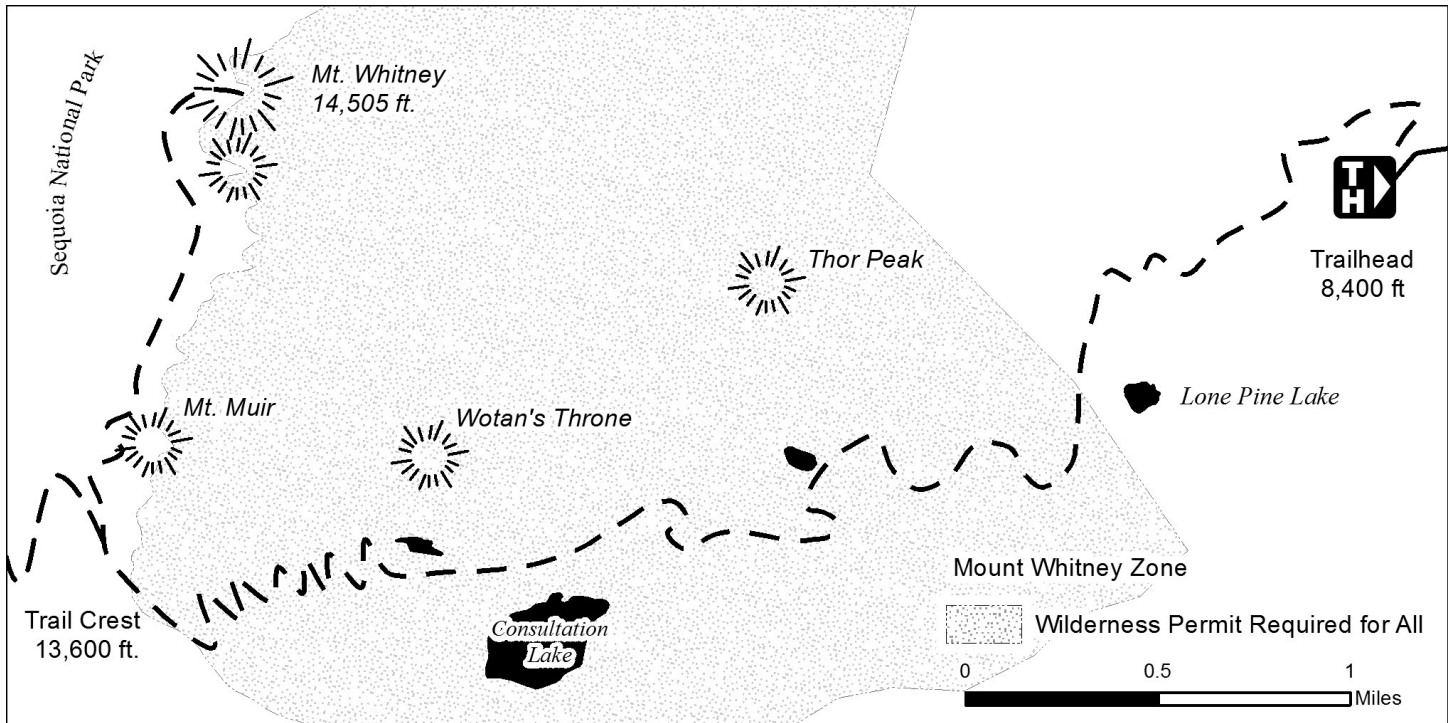
Permits are required for all overnight trips, and for day trips in the Mt. Whitney Zone. Obtain permits only at the Eastern Sierra Interagency Visitor Center in Lone Pine, CA

Between May 1 and Nov 1, use is limited by daily entry quotas. Permits for this period may be reserved at www.recreation.gov. Reservations are allocated in a lottery. Apply for the lottery between Feb. 1 and Mar. 15.



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Location	Distance	Elevation
Trailhead	0 miles	8,400 ft
Trail Crest	9.0 miles	13,600 ft
Mt. Whitney	10.7 miles	14,505 ft



Maps:

USGS Quad: Kearsarge Peak; Mount Clarence King

National Geographic: Sequoia Kings Canyon

Tom Harrison: Mt. Whitney Zone; Mt. Whitney High Country

Leave No Trace Principles

1. Plan ahead and prepare.
2. Travel and camp on durable surfaces.
3. Dispose of waste properly.
4. Minimize use and impact of fires.
5. Respect wildlife.
6. Leave what you find.
7. Be considerate of other visitors.

Need more information?

On the web at:
www.fs.usda.gov/inyo

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